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## Proposed Budget Figures Show Probable Lower Tax Rate

The members of the City Council have prepared a tentative budget that they will take action on to night and which, is adopted as at present laid out bids fair to reduce the local tax rate by in the neighborhood of ten cents.

It has been pointed out that the assessed valuation in the city is materially higher and some of the items of expense are materially low er than last year.

The final figures at which the new budget will be placed will most like ly be reached at the meeting this evening.

The preparation of the new budget required a considerable amount of time and thought on the part of those who made it up, and shows a decided trend toward the conservative, without sacrificing in any way the good of the city.

Following are the figures as given out to the press:

**PROPOSED BUDGET 1940-41**

| | Budget 1940-41 | Charge Gen. Fund | Charge Spec. Fund |
|---|---|---|---|
| City Council—Dues League Calif Cities | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Expenses of Mayor and Council | 60.00 | 60.00 | |
| Audit Fee | 125.00 | 125.00 | |
| Promotion and Contributions | 30.00 | 30.00 | |
| City Clerk — Salary | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| Premium on Surety Bond | 5.00 | 5.00 | |
| Stationery and Office Supplies | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Office Equipment | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| City Treasurer — Salary | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Surety Bond Premium | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| City Attorney — Salary | 900.00 | 900.00 | |
| Law Codes and Supplies | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| City Court — Salary | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Stationery and Supplies | 30.00 | 30.00 | |
| City Engineer — Salary | 12.00 | 12.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Services | 180.00 | 150.00 | † 30.00 |
| City Hall — Rent | 630.00 | 630.00 | |
| Janitor | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Light, Heat and Water | 275.00 | 275.00 | |
| Telephone | 130.00 | 130.00 | |
| Supplies and Miscellaneous | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Building Inspection—Salary, from Fees | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | |
| Printing and Stationery | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| Weed Abatement—Posting Records, Inspection | 736.42 | 736.42 | |
| Health Department — Salary | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Pound Service — Stationery and Printing | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Dog License Tags | 30.00 | 30.00 | |
| Park and Recreation Department | | | |
| Partcipation in W. P. A. | 390.00 | 390.00 | |
| Rent — Oak Grove | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Purchase of Addition to Fremont Park | 400.00 | 400.00 | |
| Fremont Park — Imprivements | 30.00 | | |
| Fremont Park — Maintenance | 120.00 | | |
| Fremont Park — Water | 40 | 190.00 | |
| Street Department — Salary | 1405.00 | 1110.00 | † 294.97 |
| Salary—Extra Sweeping of Streets | 60.00 | 60.00 | |
| Street Repair Supplies including Expenses for Truck | 1460.00 | 1325.00 | † 135.00 |
| Trees for Street Beautification | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Water and Supplies for Trees | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Police Department — Salaries | 9180.00 | 7632.00 | ‡ 1548.00 |
| Gasoline, Oil and Repairs | 1135.00 | 1034.00 | ‡ 101.00 |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Lght, Power and Supples | 125.00 | 125.00 | |
| Telephone and Radio Service | 363.20 | 363.20 | |
| Uniforms | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| Insurance and Bond Premiums | 291.14 | 291.14 | |
| Emergency Fund | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Two New Cars | 789.31 | 789.31 | |
| General and Miscellaneous Expenses | | | |
| Election Expense | 36.35 | 36.35 | |
| Publishing Ordnances and Notices | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Insurance — Compensation, Public Liability and Contingent | 750.00 | 750.00 | |
| Celebrations and Decorations | 400.00 | 400.00 | |
| Planning Commission | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Recreation Park—Tennis Court | 750.00 | 250.00 | ¶ 500.00 |
| Grandstand and Storage Shed | 750.00 | 750.00 | |
| Walks and Miscellaneous | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| TOTALS | | 26194.42 | 2608.97 |

† ¼ cent Gas Tax Fund.
‡ Motor Vehicle License Fee Fund.
¶ Out of Cash on Hand (Unappropriated Bal.)

## Our Fair

Lauritz Melchior, one of the world's outstanding tenors, and Bruno Walter, internationally famous conductor, will be co-guest stars in the sixth concert of the Exposition series to be held on Treasure Island, Tuesday, August 13.

Melchior, whose singing in a variety of Wagnerian roles has made history at the Metropolitan has selected four of the Ring-composer's best liked arias for his part in the program. Walter, equally as famous for his Wagnerian interpretations, will conduct the San Francisco Orchestra.

Beethoven's Leonore Overture, No. 3 and the Fifth Symphony will be the orchestral selections for the first part of the concert with Wagner's Prelude to "Lohengrin" and the Prelude and Love-Death from "Tristan and Isolde" concluding the program.

The Prize Song for "Die Meistersinger", Lohengrin's Narative, the Forge Song from "Seigfried" and Siegmund's Love Song from "Die Walkure" are included on Mr. Melchior's program.

Tickets for the concert, to be held in the California Coliseum, are now on sale at Sherman Clay and Company, San Francisco and Oakland; Crane Hotel Box Office, San Francisco; and Courtesy Center in the Court of Pacifica on Treasure Island.

Unreserved grandstand seats are available at 25 and 50-cents, with choice reserved seats on sale at $1, Exposition officials announced.

## Public Conveniences For State Fair Ground

As many public conveniences and facilities as a good-sized town will be found on the California State Fair grounds at Sacramento when the state fair opens August 30 and runs through September 9.

A new drug store, with a registered pharmacist in charge; a branch post office, equipped for every sort of postal activity; a branch of the Bank of America, a telegraph office, an emergenry hospital, a telephone office, a children's playground, many rest rooms and checking stands and taxi stands are among the many facilities available.

Facilities for eating are also a made for the huge throngs expected at the state fair. All told there are 33 eating places at the fairgrounds, exclusive of stands selling juices, watermelon, milk shakes and candy, It has been figured that 2 000 persons can be seated at one time in the combined restaurants.

Another convenience for the motoring visitors to the fair is the improvement in the parkng areas. Space has been provided for 500 additional cars in the north parking lot, while the Fifth Avenue area has been improved by sowing one-half in Bermuda sod.

A non-stop express bus service to the fairground has also been provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The busses will make special trips from the Southern Pacific station to the Elmhurst gate.

## Mail Delivery To Be Improved Next Week

Effective August 16th, 1940, two deliveries of mail will be given in the district bounded by Creek Drive and Valpalaiso avenue, and between University avenue and El Camino Real. The district east of the railroad between El Camino Real and Pine street, and Laurel street will also receive two deliveries of mail daily.

New extensons o fservice will be granted to the patrons residing on Middle avenue, between University and El Camino Real, on Frorence Lane, Blake street, Menlo avenue, and Roble avenue, west of University avenue, and on Evelyn and Crane street, between Live Oak and Menlo avenue, on Crane and Chestnut streets between Oak Grove and Santa Cruz avenues, and on Valparaiso avenue, between University Drive and Crane street.

Patrons residing in the district south of Santa Cruz avenue will kindly erect mail boxes at the curb. Any additional information will be gven at the post office.

Postmaster Harry Morey states that every effort is being made to improve the service and that the local postal authorities will gladly furnish any information needed.

## Recreation Board Seek Information

The recently appointed Recreation Committee being desirous of learning the wishes of the people generally in regard to what activity, games or sports should receive first consideration; also what W. P. A. craft-room activities should be fostered and maintained, earnestly invite suggestons.

Suggestions in writing regarding the above mentioned as well as any thing and everything concerning Recreation Park should be addressed to any of the members of the ommittee:

O. M. Okey, 1325 Crane Street; C. L. Baxter, 240 University Drive; F. S. Becker, 1235 Laurel Street; J. R. Froli, 1328 Crane Street; C. J. Oram, (44) Cotton Street.

## Harry D. McCleary Answers Taps

Harry D. McCleary, aged 43, for eight years a resident of Menlo Park passed away at the Veteran's Hospital at Livermore Monday afternoon. He had been at the hospital for some weeks being treated for tuberculosis which disease had its inception from gassng while in service with the A. E. F. in the World War in France, where he took part in five major battles.

Decease was born in North Da--kota and spent his boyhood inIowa, going to Montana later where he enlisted in the Army a short time before the United States declared war against Germany; was sent over seas serving through the war and was mustered out of service at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming in 1919.

In 1923 at Missoula Montana, he was united in marriage to Josephine A. Moore, daughter of W. E. Moore of Menlo Park, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mary Lynn and Barbara, the family for a few months past residing at Palo Alto. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McCleary, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

After coming to California where McCleary was for a few years engage din sign writing, in San Jose and San Francisco, the family moved to Menlo Park where h ewas affiliated with the American Legion. Interment took place at the National Cementery at the Presidio in San Francisco.

## Civic-Fraternal Participate in Fiesta

All cvic and fraternal organizations of Menlo Park today had received invitations to participate in the hugs parade to be staged at San Mateo and Burlingame Friday, Sept. 20, as one of the attractions of the annual San Mateo County Fiesta and Rodeo.

The flower arrangement and amateur division of the fiesta will again be under the experienced supervision of Mrs. Ted Andrews of Menlo Park, according to Chester P. Lipman, secretary-manager of the county fair associtions.

"Mrs. Andrews' appointment as general chairman for the second successive year is a positive guarantee that flower arrangement activities will not only procee defficiently, but will result in exhibits of unusual charm anr beauty," he said.

With local interest in the amateur garden competitions of the 1940 Fiesta already surpassing that of other years, entries for the garden club and garden sections of women's clubs are entirely complete, according to Lipman.

### OLD BOY SCOUTS MAY HOLD REUNION HERE SOON

An effort is being made by a number of the members of Boy Scout Troop No 107, of Menlo Park, who belonged in its early days, to hold a reunion dinner.

These young men, all of were real Scouts back in the days of 1924-28, or even a little latter have much in common and together with their old Scoutmaster, L. E. Harris, are looking forward to r good old get-together. Any of the old boys who are interested are urged to get in touch with their old Scoutmaster, L. E. Harris at the office of the Menlo Park Recorder as soon as possible.

SUSANVILLE - ALTURAS ROUTE

With completion of contruction work between Ravendale and Termo on the Susanville-Alturas route another stretch of the old highway has been eliminated and the new road recently opened has materially improved traveling conditions and driving time between Susanville and Alturas via U. S. 395.

## 5000-PIECE BAND AT FAIR

JUNIOR MUSICIANS DAY PLANNED ON TREASURE ISLAND. Five-year-old Albert Roman of Redwood City, California, signals Junior Musicians Day on Treasure Island, August 11, with a blast on his big bass horn. Five thousand pupils of the National Institute of Music and Arts will form the world's largest orchestra on their special day at the Golden Gate International Exposition when youngsters between the ages of six and sixteen from all sections of the west present a full one hour concert.

## Sons of Legion Elect New Officers

OnAugust first the Sons of the Legion held their election of officers in the Legion hall, and the new officers elected to serve for the coming year are:

Captain, Wilton Johnson.

First Lieutenant, Clyde Underhill.

Second Lieutenant, Wendell Johnson.

Finance Officer, Winfield Whitney.

Chaplain, Arthur Otto.

Sergeant at arms, Frances Sullivan.

After the business session a light lunch was served and many of the Legionnaires were present as uests.

The Boys are looking forward to a good year and are planning to take part in many of the events an dcelebrations that are in the offiing.

REDWOOD EMPIRE POPULAR

With the exceptionally heavy travel now under way on all highways, and particularly the Redwood Highway, the Eureka Office of the National Automobile Club warns as to the advisability or making reservations in advance for overnight accomodations. The hotels and motor courts fill up early and unless the mtorist is prepared to close his driing day early, he may have trouble in obtaining desirable accomodations.

## PLAY SAFE

**The current re-examination of motor car operators holding licenses in this State issued to them over ten years ago adds interest to the question,—How old are the safest drivers?**

**The National Safety Council answers that the very young and the very old drivers are more frequently involved in traffic accidents.**

**Based on mileage driven, the drivers under 20 years of age have the highest accident rate. Then the rate drops steadily to about the age of 50, when it increases sharply.**

**These figures show the importance of good judgment and physical ability in safe driving. Youth under 20 are less careful, more inclined to take chances than their elders. After the age of 50, even mature judgment cannot make up for poor eyesight, slower reflexes, an dthe decrease in physical skill that comes with age.**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

UKIAH-TAHOE IMPROVEMENT

State Highway Number 20, known as the Ukiah - Tahoe High way, is undergoing considerable improvement. One of the most important projects under way is the widening and surfacing of the bridge between Williams and Colusa.


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# Utility Taxable Property Shown

California public utilities companies maintain enough telephone and telegraph lines to reach 320 times around the earth and sufficient railroad track to extend to Australia and return.

These and other holdings were taken into consideration today when the State Board of Equalization adopted an assessment roll in which the value of public utility property was placed at $1,011,140 for the purposes of local taxation.

In announcing the roll, George R. Reilly, board member, first equalization district, pointed out that the total value included $962,591,800 in tangible property and intangible property or solvent credits amounting to $48,549,180. The major item of tangible property represented a gain of more than $12,000,000 over comparable assessments of the previous year.

In Santa Clara county, the utility assessment roll for 1940 included intangible property, $1,330; tangible property, $17,077,340 as compared with the 1939 total of intangible, $ 3,680, and tangible, $16,708,260.

Reilly pointed out that this was the sixth assessment made by the board since public utilities property was transfered to local tax rolls. During the last five years the public utility values hae amounted to approximately $1,000,000,000 annually against which local governments have collected taxes amounting to between $160,000,000 and $175,000,000 for the period.

In determining the current assessment roll, is was necessary for the board's valuation division to list the complex, state-wide holdings of 248 utilities companies. These ncluded 8,000,000 miles of telephone and telegraph lines, 15,500 miles of railroad track, 1,500,000 electric power poles, 23,000 miles of gas mains, 1,780,000 telephone stations and numerous other special items.

The gas and electric companies led the list of taxpaying groups with tangible property amounting to $520,758,480. Railroads were second with $244,877,730, and telephone and telegraph companies next with $170,387,730.

# Deer Season Draws Many Hunters

Deer season opening will draw about 100,000 hopeful California sportsmen into field and forest for their annual hunt. "Wearing distinctive colored hats, knowing you are aiming at a buck when you pull the trigger, and a clear mind, are still the best protection for the hunter", according to Bert Stewart, Jr. "Each year several hunters are shot due to carelessness. Remember that a gun is a dangerous weapon and know well where your bullet will land when you pull the trigger. The practice of shooting at any moving object, or over a hill, where other hunters may be, or a camp or road is located, has ruined many a hunting trip. Good sports manship in the forest is as important as sportsmanship on the highway-both help insure a longer and safer life."

## Sea at Last Separates Twins United 22 Years

WEYMOUTH, MASS.—The Wilder twins have separated—after 22 years of constant companionship.

Albert L. and Arthur T. Wilder were inseparable when boys and, on entering high school, played side by side on Weymouth's state championship football team.

Then they enrolled on the nautical schoolship Nantucket, where they learned the art of seamanship and made a Mediterranean cruise together. Now—for the first time—they are no longer together. Albert sailed for Mexico on an Esso tanker and Arthur is bound for an undisclosed destination aboard a Standard Oil boat.

# Softball League Averages Shown

Menlo Park's softball league drew to a close last week with Bob Cain's Shell Oil team needing only two games of a scheduled three game series with the Matt Harris Club to win the championship of the Menlo Softball League. The Matt Harris Club was the winner of the first half of the schedule. The Shell boys won their play-off games 14 to 1 and 4 to 2 although hard pressed to win the second contest.

Earlier in the week the Shell team won a hard fought contest from the Ramblers to win the right to play Matt Harris Club for the title as both teams were tie dfor first place in the second half standings.

A perpetual trophy to be kept one year unless won consecutively was onated by Al Gianotti of the Golden Churn and presented Friday evening to the Shell Oil Team during a game between the married men and the single men, by Leonard L. Sise of the city sponsored program Works Progress Administration under who supervision the League was conducted.

The following gives the performance record of the ten leading batters of the League who played in six or more games.

| Name | AB | R | H | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cattaneo, C. | 27 | 11 | 19 | .704 |
| Knapp, W. | 28 | 10 | 17 | .607 |
| Jordan, J. | 34 | 13 | 20 | .583 |
| Sullivan, F. | 33 | 15 | 19 | .576 |
| Bowen, H. | 26 | 17 | 14 | .538 |
| Bowen, T. | 31 | 14 | 16 | .516 |
| Horn, J. | 31 | 10 | 15 | .486 |
| Steck, C. | 27 | 14 | 13 | .481 |
| Morris, F. | 12 | 13 | 13 | .464 |

# Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

**Moving Note:** When a family transferred its place of abode from Morningside Heights down to a penthouse in the East Eighties, the grand piano, an heirloom, was of course taken along. But even when its legs were removed and it was taken down in other ways, it was still much too large to be taken up on the service elevator. So one of those piano moving outfits, which are supposed to know all the answers, was summoned. A crew of men came with block and tackle, burlap bumpers and seemingly all necessary equipment and went about the job of getting that piano from the street to the roof. After a lot of experiments, the experts had to confess themselves baffled, there being trouble over length of rope, getting the instrument over coping, etc. The difficulty was soon settled, however. The old piano was turned in on a new and smaller instrument.

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**Snippets:** Lou Costello at Forty-fifth and Broadway gazing curiously at two other gentlemen also halted by the traffic light . . . They are Jeffrey Lynn and "Gabby" Hayes, screen makebelievers . . . Crossing Broadway, Dr. Jerome V. Kaufman, dentist, who has on display in his office a Bruce Bairnsfather cartoon, which though regarded as one of his best, has never been published . . . Bairnsfather drew it specially for the dentist . . . Trend of the times: the University of Oklahoma has on file 2,000 jokes available for all comers . . . Speaking of universities, a "good luck" scroll signed by 5,000 students of six Missouri colleges was presented to Bert Buhrman, novachord player, on the eve of his departure from Kansas City, to make his New York debut at the Piccadilly hotel.

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**Short Story:** He came to New York from the Southwest. Upstanding, clear-eyed, he had an idea that New York wasn't too big to lick. Willing to take any job, he found himself working in the basement of a department store. There he met a little stock checker, pretty, blonde and with deep blue eyes. They soon started to go out to luncheon together. The other girls whispered of a romance and there were no denials. In fact, the girl was looking forward to a ring at any time, especially since the lad from the Southwest had made good to such an extent he had been placed in charge of the stock room. A few days ago, he didn't show up. When she reached home that night, she received a note. It said that she had reminded him so much of the girl at home, he had decided to pass up New York, go back and be married.

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**Street Scene:** A brush salesman, decorated with his wares, having an argument with the janitor of a walk-up . . . and housewives listening with interest . . . Three youngsters trying to rescue a fourth who has jacknifed into an ash can and is voicing his woe in loud wails . . . The situation saved by a grinning cop . . . and the sobs ended by a nickel that came from the pocket of blue uniform . . . A little girl singing in Italian to a big doll . . . and a mother beating time as she beams from a first-floor window . . . A thin, sad-faced woman staring at a display in a florist's window . . . and crossing herself as she turns away.

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**Buck Up:** Peter Van Steeden says that any youngster from the country who is trying to make his way in New York and has become discouraged and overshadowed by high, hard-faced buildings, should invest a few pennies in a night ferry ride over to the Jersey side. "Then look back from the top of the Palisades," continues Peter. "New York is no longer a grim, grubby, grasping monster. It is indeed a toyland of sparkling lights, and a kid can look down on it as if he were a king. And he'll go back ready to lick any problem that faces him."

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**End Piece:** Those tired-looking workmen in overalls who feed Rockefeller Center pigeons at dawn each morning are Dean Cornwall, Hildreth Miere and Hugh Troy. The three artists are touching up their murals in Cafe Francis and the English Grill and when they finish their night's work, they come out with corn muffins for early-rising birds.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

### Burglars Lift 1,200 Pennies

MOBILE, ALA.—Upward of 1,200 pennies were in the loot taken by burglars who invaded the E. T. grocery.

# Natural Winds To Make Music

## Texas Panhandle Studies Ingenious Apertures in Canyon Cliffs.

AMARILLO, TEXAS.—The whistling winds that pump water for the cattle industry of the Texas Panhandle some day may produce natural music as aesthetic as a Strauss waltz.

Those same, near-constant winds are believed capable of producing natural plains' music or Beethoven sonatas in a gigantic "wind organ."

This "wind organ" was planned for the cut-up country of beautiful Palo Duro canyon, 25 miles southeast of here.

The idea of capturing the music of the plains wind was originated several years ago and developed by Guy A. Carlander, Amarillo architect, until it is now known to be an engineering possibility.

**Cliff to Be Carved.**

The wind instrument would be built in the form of a small memorial dug into the side of the cliff of the canyon. In the wall, which would be the cliff wall, slender openings would be cut to utilize the winds and drafts of the canyon.

Wind would play upon the instrument for both controlled and uncontrolled sound music. It could furnish power to play recorded pieces or left uncontrolled to produce its own natural melody.

"The wind produces, under certain conditions when loosed against proper furniture, sills, reeds, and hollow tubes, noises which are interesting, weird, fantastic, and at times, beautiful in composition and sound," the originator said.

**Technical Aspects Studied.**

"I have gone far enough into the technical and engineering details of this idea to know that it can be successfully constructed and operated," Carlander said. "It should be an unusual attraction, so different as to excite the curiosity of everyone."

The proposed wind organ is only one of the projects planned by Panhandle boosters who hope to see this area rivaling the Grand canyon of Colorado as a tourist attraction.

Other developments projected include a natural rock building to be known as Coronado Lodge. It would rise at the wall of the canyon. Also planned is a large amphitheater for rangeland sports—roping, bulldogging, and bronco busting.

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# "2 GUN GAL"

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# Mayan Indians Get Culture From Youth

## Young College Graduate Does Missionary Work.

ENID, OKLA.—A one-man cultural revolution is being staged among the 50,000 Maya Indians of Central America, and its spearhead, guiding genius, director and sole motive force is 27-year-old William Bentley, a college graduate.

Bentley entered the tropical regions of the Maya country as a missionary two years ago, with an ambition to translate the Bible into the Maya language.

Since then his difficulties have become almost as numerous as the people he has sought to befriend.

The Mayas have no alphabet and Bentley has set out to create one. His preliminary work, however, has been concerned mainly with learning the Maya language, a laborious task itself because the use of Spanish is required and interpreters who speak both Spanish and Mayan are rare.

When he first arrived, the language difficulties threatened to destroy his whole project. The natives were hostile and unfriendly because they were unable to converse with the missionary.

Bentley studied a long time to find a method of breaking down the barriers and finally hit upon a simple scheme, in the best movie explorer fashion, to arouse friendliness among the Indians.

He attracted a large crowd and taking a can of popcorn which he had remembered to bring along, popped it for the benefit of the Indians. They were fascinated by the process and the impasse was ended.

Bentley, a graduate of Phillips university at Enid, first planned to become a surgeon until he decided that field was overcrowded and chose instead the career of a missionary.

He has been on a leave of absence from his mission post for several months, studying languages in the United States. He plans to return some time this summer.

## Indian Mummy Is Found In Lonely Desert Cave

BOULDER CITY, NEV.—An Indian corpse, mummified in the dry air of a southwestern desert cave, was discovered near here. It may be the body of Queho, notorious Indian outlaw, who was blamed for 20 murders between 1909 and 1919. At one time there was a price of $3,000 on his head. Charles M. Kenyon, one of the discoverers, raised the question of whether, even at this date, he is not entitled to the reward.

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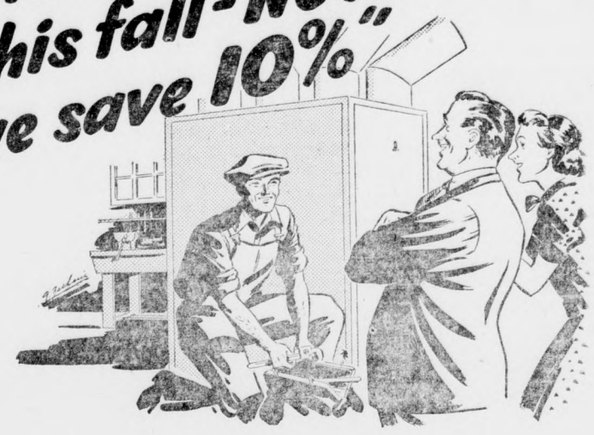

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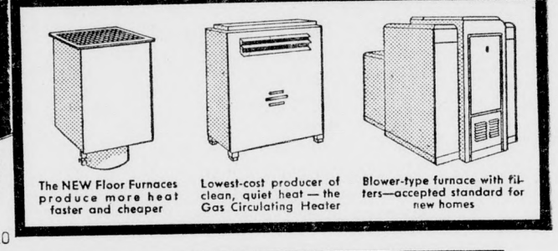

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# Local Man Now Aircraft Builder

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—G. Harold Candes former resident of Menlo Park, is helping buil Uncle Sam's defense air force, the Aircraft Information Bureau of San Francisco reported today.

Among the thousands of workers drawn from all sections of California by the State's aircraft industry, he is employed by Vultee Aircraft Inc. at its Downey, California, plant where more than 3500 men are now busy on planes for the U. S| Air Corps.

A survey just completed by the Aircraft Infromation Bureau shows that the California aircraft industry producing 50 per cent of all the planes built in the United States, is seeking more and more skilled workers from Northern and Central California as it expands to meet U. S. defense needs.

Latest statistics from the six leading California plane factories—Consoliddated Aircraft of San Diego, Douglas Aircraft of Santa Monica, Lockheed Aircraft of Burbank, North American Aviation of Inglewood, Northrop of Hawthorne and Vultee—show total employment is over the 50,000 mark and payrolls are running more than $6,000,000 monthly.

## Police Chief Spurns Offer of Gold Badge

TULSA, OKLA.—What! No gold badge for the police department's head man?

"The only reason I might want a badge would be to kid my friends," Police Commissioner Russell Cobb explained with a grin as he turned down the suggestion.

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# Hobby Exhibits Feature At Fiesta

The San Mateo County Fair Association announces through its secretary-manager, Chester Lipman, that space will be reserved at the coming Fiesta, for the exhibition of hobbies and models in word, art, needle and other crafts.

Handcraft hobbies made of wood, metal, clay, cloth, yarn, concrete, leather, linoleum, wax, soap, are the kinds prefered but stamp and similar collections that cannot readily be seen, and large articles that require muc hspace cannot be shown.

All exhibits will be returned to the owners at the close of the fair.

Those interested should contact the Director of Recreation of the Works Projects Administration at the city hall for further information at once.

A whist party will be given by the Palo Alto Auxuiliary, No. 119, United Spanish War Veterans in Veteran's Building, Palo Alto on Monday, August 12 at 8:30 p. m. Score cards are 25 cents and the public is cordially invited.

## Old Wooden Schooner Is Called Back by War

BOSTON.—The old four-masted wooden schooner Helen Barnet Gring has been called from retirement to help fill a wartime demand for shipping.

Purchased by Capt. William F. Plummer of Bath, Maine, the vessel is sailing between Boston and Norfolk, Va., as a coal carrier. A 202-foot ship, the Gring was forced into retirement at the close of the World war when oil and steam shipping drove windjammers from the seas as cargo ships.

## Woman Proves Capable As Oil Well Crew Boss

GRANDVILLE, MICH.—The skeptics said she wouldn't last, but Mrs. May Gill has held her job as boss of an oil well casing crew four years and says she could find no more satisfactory employment.

Mrs. Gill took over the job when her husband, who had held it, was killed in an automobile accident. The necessity of supporting her two children made her alert and she soon mastered the job, which no other woman in this country is believed to hold.

# Bottled, The Sun Tower

Pretty Marie of the New Folies Bergere bottles up the Tower of the Sun on Treasure Island, preserving it for the future, for it, like the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition is destined to become a memory on September 29.

## *Farming Population Largest Since 1916*

### *Lack of City Opportunities Causes Increase.*

WASHINGTON. — The American farm population on January 1 was estimated by the agriculture department at 32,245,000, the largest in 24 years.

The estimate was 186,000 more than a year ago and represented an increase of 2,076,000 for the decade, 1930-39. The highest farm population figure ever reported was 32,530,000 in 1916.

The increase during the 1930s followed a decrease of 1,445,000 during the 1920s and a net loss of 463,000 between 1910 and 1920.

The department said farms lost 2,179,000 persons through migration during the 1930s, but that an excess of rural births over deaths more than offset losses through movement to urban areas. Births were reported at 7,361,000 and deaths at 3,313,000 during the last decade.

A lack of opportunities in cities may add 2,000,000 more persons to the rural population by 1950, the department said.

"An increase in farm population at this time means growing pressure of population on natural resources, especially in the poorer agricultural areas," the department said. "Technological changes in agriculture have kept pace with those in industry, and the labor requirements for agricultural production have been decreased."

The department said that normal requirements in farm production for both domestic and foreign outlets now can be met with approximately 1,600,000 fewer workers on farms than in 1929—which, with their dependents, means 3,500,000 fewer persons. Farm employment was said to have decreased more than 300,000 between 1930 and 1940.

Largest increases in farm population during the past 10 years were in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. The South Atlantic states, from Maryland and Delaware to Florida, showed the next largest gain. Areas most severely affected by drouths of 1934 and 1936 reported increases before 1935 and decreases thereafter.

## Salt Beds of Michigan Hold Great Reservoir

LANSING, MICH.—Conservation department officials estimated that Michigan, the nation's leading salt-producing area, has 32,000 square miles of salt under its southern peninsula—enough to supply the world for 1,000,000 years.

The department's estimates showed that the entire area could be covered to a depth of more than 500 feet with the surplus underground. O. F. Poindexter, department geological engineer who made the survey, said the salt varies in its depth below the ground from 1,000 to 5,000 feet.

The present evident surplus, Poindexter said, also would supply the United States for 3,000,000 years. Michigan annually supplies 25 per cent of the salt consumed for table and industrial use.

## Bottle Travels 200 Miles On Hazardous Waterway

COLUMBUS, MONT.—Paul Rouane, Columbus youth, found a bottle in the Yellowstone river containing a note which indicated that it had been dropped in Yellowstone lake in 1930.

The distance by automobile road from Columbus to Yellowstone lake is about 200 miles. But distance was not the only obstacle the bottle overcame. It went over both Upper and Lower Yellowstone falls through the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and Yankee Jim canyon before reaching Columbus.

## Movie Idea Is O. K. But Patrons Weren't

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS.—The management of a Port Arthur moving picture theater, finding itself with a good picture which had received very little publicity to attract the customers, offered to let every one in free. If the customers felt the show was worth the price of admission, they could pay at the box office on the way out. Only 1 per cent of the audience paid. One man said he enjoyed the film very much—but he was going to keep his money because he felt he'd been cheated so often on the pictures they showed at bank night!

# Scout Merit Badge Counselors Named

A preliminary list of Merit Badge Counselors in Redwood City, Menlo Park, Woodside, San Carlos, and Pescadero was mailed to all Troops this week, the result of 6 months effort on the past of the Division Advancement Committee. Counselors have been secured in 35 of the most popular Merit Badge subjects.

Leaders are conducting a further survey and will prepare an addition al list for issue in October offering Scouts the opportunity to complete badges in each of 108 different subjects on the National Merit Badge list. Committee Chairman O. H. Olson of Menlo Park headed the preparation of the list.

O. H. Olson, Chairman of the District Committee on Scout Advance-Serving on the Court will be Al ment, will serve as Court Chairman. Sagehorn of San Carlos, A. Rossi, Clyde Crippen and Jack Welch of Redwood City, and Alexander Donald of Woodside.

Highest award of the quarter will be presented to Scout Jack Edwards of Troop 105, Redwood City, when he receives the Life Badge a symbol of achieving ten Merit Badges.

# Congressman Anderson Appeals To Aid Farmers

An appeal to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation to aid California agriculture was announced today by Congressman Jack Anderson of the 8th District, covering Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and San Mateo counties, thru J. W. Hutchins, San Jose, Campaign Director for Anderson's re-election campaign.

In a communication to Milo Perkins, president of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, Anderson reviewed the situation facing California agriculture and urged acton in behalf of the farmers.

"I am deeply concerned over the situation which now faces the producers of most of the agricultural crops grown in my district," Anderson said in his letter to Perkins. "As you undoubtedly know, the principal commodities produced in the 8th Congressional District of California are specialty crops grown on an export basis. You are aware of the fact that the situation abroad has practically eliminated all of the export markets for these commodities.

"It appears to me to be highly essential that the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation give careful consideration to the many factors which are involved in the inevitable readjustment period we are facing. A well thought out program of surplus purchases by your corporation is going to be necessary, and I believe that any delay in evolving this program will seriously affect the future economic welfare of the farmers in my district.

"Under the present farm act commodity credit loans to the producers of the five basic commodities are mandatory. Loans to the producers of other commodities, however, are dependent upon the attitude of those in authority in the Department of Agriculture. I realize that changes will have to be made in the Department's attitude toward the producers of specialty crops, and I urgently request that you give this matter your most earnest and studied attention.


# A message to every man and woman in California who intends to build or buy a home

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With either an FHA insured, or a straight Bank of America loan, you may make your monthly payments at any branch. Any change in the status of the loan or property can be discussed with your branch manager, who is familiar with local conditions as well as your particular requirements.

When you borrow from Bank of America to buy or build, you establish a valuable credit relationship for other needs such as modernization or additional improvements to your property; personal loans; or the financing of an automobile.

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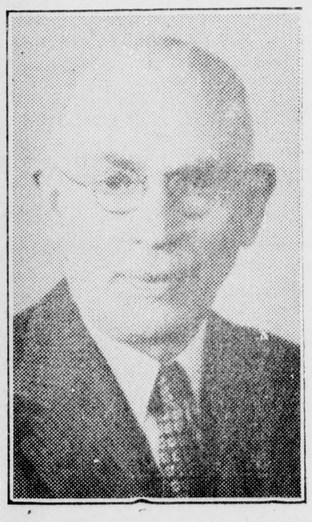

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# Our Churches

## Christian Science Church Services

First Church of Christ, Scientist Bryant Street and Forest Avenue Palo Alto. Sunday Services at 11 a. m.

Sunday School convcenes at 9:3( a. m. and 11 a. m.

Wednesday eveening meeting at 8 p. m.

"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday, August 11, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass

The Golden Text will be: "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" (Ps. 143: 10). Other Bible citations will include: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1: 1,5).

The Lesson-Sermon will aiso include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself. Spirit never created matter. There is nothing in Spirit out of which matter could be made, for, as the Bible declares, without the Logos, the Aeon or Word of God, 'was not anything made that was made' "(p. 335).

**Christian Science radio programs sanctioned by the Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and under the direction of the Committee on Publication for Northern California are on the air: Station KYA, 1230 kilocycles, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:45 a. m.**

**MENLO PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES**
716 Santa Cruz Ave.

Church notes for July 28, 1940.

9:45 a. m. — Sunday School, Mrs. E. J. Clark, Superitnendent.

11:00 a. m. — Morning worship. The Rev. E. S. Flora, a resident of Menlo Park, will be the guest speaker next Sunday and during the month of August which is the pastor's vacation month.

The evening services will be discontinued until September.

Rev. Eldred J. Clark, Minister.

## Philadelphia Church Services For Week

Corner Oak Grove avenue and Mills Street

**Gospel Meetings**

**Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday School.**

**11 a. m. Morning service.**

**7:30 p. m. Communion service in Menlo Park.**

**Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, Healing Service. Come and bring the sick. Everybody is invited to attend all of these services.**

**Joseph Ystrom, Pastor.**

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Helen Hill, Deaconess

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**8:00 a. m. — Holy Communon.**

**11:00 a. m. — Church School in the Parish House.**

**11:00 a. m. — Morning prayer and sermon by the Rector. Mr. Edward Persike will sing the offertory solo.**

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, L. D. S.**

Corner Spencer avenue and Grant Street, San Jose.

Church School, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. This will be an ordination service Dr. Harris preaching the sermon.

Evening worship at 7:30, at which time Dr. Harris will again be the speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

Dr. L. E. Harris, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Loughlin are expected home from a trip in the east in a few ays.

Judge L. E. Birdzell — Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota and national authority on banking law and estates, who has just arrived in California to join the Bank of America as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer

# 'Sewing' Speeds Up Warplanes

## Spot-Welding Cures Some Of the Bottlenecks In Production.

LOS ANGELES.—A method of "sewing" together the metal parts of today's complicated warplanes, which promises to accelerate manufacture as the nation drives for a production rate of 50,000 machines a year, is well beyond the experiment stage in our aircraft factories.

The sewing is an effective spot-welding process for the aluminum alloys which go into almost all modern warplanes.

This does not mean that the aircraft plants will begin turning out machines by the wholesale next week or even next year.

It does mean that, very slowly, the plants are overcoming some of the manufacturing "bottlenecks" now becoming evident as the government seeks to gear them to national defense needs in what has been termed a period of limited emergency.

**Riveting Method Too Slow.**

The old method, which is the riveting together of metal planes by small armies of skilled and semi-skilled workmen, is a production bottleneck which has grown up over a long period of years. Faster methods of fabricating did not lend themselves readily to the manufacture of planes in small lots of 100 or 200.

Each aluminum alloy rivet—there are 220,000 of them in a medium-weight bomber—was heated and then put in a dry ice refrigerator. It is a characteristic of the metal that heating and sudden cooling will make it soft and workable. Brought from the refrigerator and tapped into a plane's fuselage, wings or control surfaces, the rivet expands and hardens.

The spot welds take the place of rivets. This art has taken time to develop.

**Cuts Cost and Time.**

Now the spot-welding of aluminum alloys is cutting down both manufacturing costs (by reducing the number of man-hours per plane) and the total period required to complete a plane. One of the new American dive-bombers, the Vought-Sikorsky shipboard fighter, has a fuselage completely spot-welded and wings partly spot-welded.

It took spot-welding a long time to arrive in the aircraft industry, even though it is an old process in other industries, because aluminum alloys weld badly or burn through unless the proper pressure is applied to the parts, and the amount and time of the electric current flow are precisely gauged.

The development of an electron-tube control for timing the current whipped the worst of the welding problems.

Other airplane manufacturing processes are being "cleaned up" in anticipation of a production of 50,000 planes a year. While the production of American aircraft for military, airplane and private use probably never will attain the size and speed of automobile production, the air-line plants are borrowing boldly from Detroit to increase their efficiency.

## Couple on Honeymoon Study Haiti Voodoo

WORCESTER, MASS.—A high school mathematics teacher and his bride are combining their honeymoon with an expedition to Haiti for the Worcester Natural Historic society.

Of particular interest to John W. Greene and his wife, the former Norma B. Harris, who were married here recently, is the voodoo dances and customs of the natives.

# Nautical Vacationland

Comely Gene Maxwell, one of Treasure Island's Golden Forties Girls, takes a wheel in her hands and braces herself against a mighty rope coil for this Vacationland picture at the fair.

# Chatter

The United States Record corporation, a comparative newcomer into the recording field, has branched out of late with discs of fine taste which undoubtedly find music lovers of both classical and popular tastes.

For those whose tastes run to the opear there is a fine record album of Verdi's immortal drama "Ernani" sung in original Italian by such famous operatc stars as Lyda Betti, soprano; Mario Berini, tenor, and Gordon Gifford, bass.

The album is classified into ten parts and contain all the warmth, the depth, and exquisite feeling of the immortal opera which caused so much controversy at the time of advent years ago. Singers show their voices with unlifted freedom and pay the master, Verdi nis greatest compliment. It is an album which should find itself on any record connoisseur's shelf.

The Edisoneers, a choral group composed of males, has long been a hit in the east and we are fortunate in having them perform for us through recordings. USRC capitilizing on their demand here has put them to work and they release five records which show their amazing range and which indicates ther versatility in performing any type of vehicle.

The fve records are: "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair", "Goin' Home", "The Ranger's Song", Song of the Open Road", Homing", "In the Still of the Night", "March of the Musketeers", March of the Grenadiers", and "The Riff Song", Your Land and My Land".

For those who aniamte to the populad selectin, Jimmy Livingston and his orchestra has accomplished "Gullah Chant", backed by a rhythmic Negro spiritual "Noah" Livingston's arrangements and brass section are noteworthmy. Both sides are recomemnded.

Jan Peerce, recently featured tenor in a national magazine, pours out his voice beautifcully n "Thine Alone" and "I'm Falling in Love With Someone.'5' It is his best performance up to date. He has never been better.

## Columbia River Scene Of Maritime Baseball

ASTORIA, ORE.—An innovation in games has been introduced on the Columbia river. It is called maritime baseball.

The field is the broad waters of the Columbia river just off the Hammond waterfront. Players have individual skiffs in which they bat, field the ball and run the bases.

The bases are 60 feet apart, marked with small buoys and a large, soft rubber ball is used.

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